

THIS BOOK, written 50 years ago, was among the first calls for a new system of values to govern the relationship between humanity and our planet. Patrick Duncan makes a passionate and reasoned plea for the rights of non-human life and proposes a new ethic which might enable fractious humanity to come together and help save the world from disaster. Duncan was exceptional in being an innovative thinker with a breadth of understanding which spanned philosophy, ethics, law and science. He was a political activist who dedicated his life to bringing an end to apartheid in his native South Africa; he had a particular interest in sustainable development; and he was deeply moved by the beauty and intrinsic value of all life forms.

Man and the Earth has been republished because of its continuing relevance to the two greatest global public policy challenges of the 21st century: the impact of humanity on our environment and inequality of opportunity.

"This book suggests an ethical approach which might serve to unite humanity... I hope it will be read by all those who believe that the present philosophy of maximisation must be replaced by a new concept of high quality human living."

Sir Peter Scott, from his introductory message.

"This is a remarkably prescient book. Written at a time when technological optimism appeared to sweep all before it, *Man and the Earth* identifies some of the great themes that later came to dominate."

George Monbiot, environmental activist, author & journalist at *The Guardian*.

"...The fate of most, even all, of humanity will be decided during the first half of this century. One of the best ways of enhancing our prospects is to read and act on Duncan's insights."

Cormac Cullinan, environmental activist, lawyer & author of *Wild Law*, from his introductory message.

"Patrick Duncan was a prophet... This seminal book is at once visionary, profound and practical... He reminds us again and again that we mistreat our planet home at our peril. *Man and the Earth* is a lucid engaging read, wisdom and deep insight leap out of every page."

Satish Kumar, Editor-in-Chief of *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine and Founder, Schumacher College, from his introductory message.

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